

EXHIBIT A

BUDAPEST TREATY ON THE INTERNATIONAL  
RECOGNITION OF THE DEPOSIT OF MICROORGANISMS  
FOR THE PURPOSES OF PATENT PROCEDURE

## INTERNATIONAL FORM

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VIABILITY STATEMENT  
issued pursuant to Rule 10.2 by the  
INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY  
identified at the bottom of this page

<b>I. DEPOSITOR</b>		<b>II. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MICROORGANISM</b>	
Name: Robert Koch-Institut Nordufer 20 Address: 13353 Berlin		Accession number given by the INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY:  DSM ACC2539  Date of the deposit or the transfer:  2002-04-09	
<b>III. VIABILITY STATEMENT</b>			
The viability of the microorganism identified under II above was tested on On that date, the said microorganism was		2002-04-09	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (x) viable <input type="checkbox"/> ( ) no longer viable			
<b>IV. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE VIABILITY TEST HAS BEEN PERFORMED</b>			
<b>V. INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY</b>			
Name: DSMZ-DEUTSCHE SAMMLUNG VON MIKROORGANISMEN UND ZELLKULTUREN GmbH Address: Mascheroder Weg 1b D-38124 Braunschweig		Signature(s) of person(s) having the power to represent the International Depositary Authority or of authorized official(s):  U. Weis  Date: 2002-04-16	

- Indicate the date of original deposit or, where a new deposit or a transfer has been made, the most recent relevant date (date of the new deposit or date of the transfer).  
x In the cases referred to in Rule 10.2(a) (ii) and (iii), refer to the most recent viability test.  
y Mark with a cross the applicable box.  
e Fill in if the information has been requested and if the results of the test were negative.

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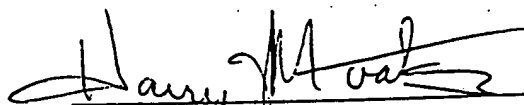
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